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SUBJECT: THE GENERAL'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY. IN A JUNE 26 PRESS CONFERENCE ANGOLA CINC GENERAL FRANCISCO PINHEIRO A) REITERATED BAN ON STREET DEMONSTRATIONS; B) SAID RELUCTANT SOLDIERS IN CABINDA HAD HAD A CHANGE OF HEART TO EXTENT THEY NOW ARE REQUESTING DANGEROUS DUTY; AND C) RELATED HISTORY OF SAVIMBI CONTACTS AND STATED MATTER NOW IN HANDS COSTA GOMES. END SUMMARY.

2. RESTATEMENT PROHIBITION STREET DEMONSTRATIONS STEMS FROM MINOR INCIDENT DURING JUNE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST DIARIO DE LUANDA WHEN ONE OF THE PAPER'S PHOTOGRAPHERS (REPORTEDLY BLACK) WAS KNOCKED DOWN BY POLICEMAN (ALSO REPORTEDLY BLACK). GENERAL PINHEIRO PLEADED UNCLASSIFIED

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IGNORANCE DETAILS BUT SAID IT WOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND GUILTY, IF

ANY, PUNISHED. (200-300 DEMONSTRATORS, MOSTLY YOUNG WHITE ANGOLAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT SUPPORTERS, ACCUSED DIARIO OF "FASCISM" AND DEMANDED REMOVAL OF ITS EDITOR. POLICE REACTION BASICALLY MODERATE WITH ONLY THE ONE INCIDENT.) PINHEIRO SAID WHILE CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT IS LEGAL, STREET DEMONSTRATIONS ARE NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE CONTRARY WISHES "PACIFIC MAJORITY OF LUANDANS." ON GENERAL SUBJECT PROHIBITION PROPAGANDA BY GROUPS STILL FIGHTING, GENERAL QUOTED AS SAYING "WE ARE A COUNTRY AT WAR AND THERE ARE PARTIES KILLING OUR SOLDIERS."

3. ON CABINDA MUTINY (REFTEL) PINHEIRO RELATED COMPANY IN QUESTION, 2ND COMPANY, 4519TH LIGHT INFANTRY BATTALION, WHICH WAS FIRST TO ARRIVE AFTER COUP, HAD BEEN "PROPAGANDIZED" (UNSTATED IMPLICATION: BY METROPOLITAN LEFTISTS) TO ERRONEOUSLY EXPECT TO CONFROT "UN-ARMED ENEMY." "ONE OF TWO COMPANY LEADERS FELT THEY SHOULD NOT ATTACK MPLA ELEMENTS. HOWEVER AFTER CONTACTS WITH MPLA AND SUBSEQUENT ARMED ATTACKS BY THAT ORGANIZATION THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS AND ENTIRE COMPANY HAS NOW REQUESTED TRANSFER TO MOST DANGEROUS AREA."

4. MISCELLANEOUS: A) SPOKESMAN ON PINHEIRO'S STAFF ADMITTED SOME MEMBERS (BLACK) SPECIAL TROOPS HAD FLED TO ZAIRE AND ARE IN ZAIRIAN CUSTODY BUT SAID THEY HAD NOT JOINED MPLA. B) "REQUESTED" IN FUTURE FACTS IN NEWS STORIES BE "CONFIRMED" BY MILITARY PRESS SPOKESMAN. C) STATED PUBLISHED INTERVIEWS WITH LEADERS REBEL GROUPS STILL PROHIBITED IN ANGOLA). D) SAID 70 OVAMBOS "PRESENTLY IN TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA HAD BEEN TRYING TO REACH LUMBUMBASHI VIA THE BENGUELA RR." ANOTHER "SMALLER" GROUP OVAMBOS (WE WERE TOLD PRIVATELY BY MILITARY ABOUT 25) HAS ASKED "POLITICAL ASYLUM." BRIGGS

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